

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-180-E - ORDER NO. 2006-313
MAY 18, 2006

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company,) ORDER GRANTING
) STAY AND
Complainant,) CONTINUANCE
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v.)
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)
Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.,)
)
Defendant.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Joint Motion of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.(Aiken) (together, the Joint Movants) for a Stay and Continuance in the above-captioned matter. The Joint Movants request an immediate sixty (60) day stay and a continuation of the merits hearing scheduled for June 7, 2006.

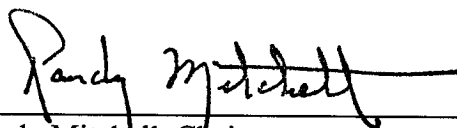
The Joint Movants state that they have discussions underway that may impact this case and believe that an additional sixty days is necessary to continue these discussions. Given that the sixty day time period encompasses the scheduled merits hearing and all of the pre-filing deadlines for testimony, at the conclusion of those discussions, SCE&G and Aiken will request that this Commission issue a Docketing Letter with new deadlines and reschedule the merits hearing for date and time agreeable to the Commission and all

parties to this Docket. SCE&G and Aiken concur that all legal rights each party would assert are preserved during the sixty day stay and agree that neither part will make any filing with the Commission during this sixty day stay of any pleading unless consented to by all Parties. Counsel for the Joint Movants have communicated with counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) about this request, and ORS has no objections. Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, SCE&G and Aiken request that the Commission stay all deadlines in this matter for sixty days and continue the merits hearing indefinitely.

We have examined this matter, and grant the Joint Motion as filed. The sixty day stay is granted from the date of this Order, so that the parties can continue their discussions. All scheduled deadlines are hereby stayed. Further, we grant a continuance of the hearing scheduled for June 7, 2006. We encourage the parties to use this time prudently in an effort to resolve their differences.

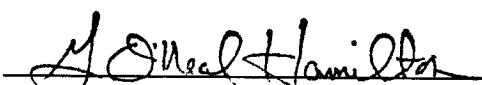
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman
(SEAL)